

## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A skin care composition comprising:
  - a) a hexamidine compound selected from the group consisting of hexamidine, its salts, and derivatives;
  - b) a safe and effective amount of one or more skin care active selected from the group consisting of sugar amine, vitamin B<sub>3</sub>, retinoid, peptide, phytosterol, butylated hydroxytoluene and butylated hydroxyanisole, their derivatives, and combinations thereof; and
  - c) a dermatologically acceptable carrier for the hexamidine and the skin care active.
2. The skin care composition of Claim 1 wherein said composition comprises from about 0.0001% to about 25%, by weight, of the hexamidine compound.
3. The skin care composition of Claim 1 wherein said composition comprises from about 0.001% to about 10%, by weight, of an additional skin care active selected from the group consisting of desquamatory actives, anti-acne actives, wrinkle repair actives, anti-oxidants, radical scavengers, chelators, anti-inflammatory agents, topical anesthetics, tanning actives, skin lightening agents, anti-cellulite agents, flavonoids, antimicrobial actives, antifungal actives, sunscreen actives, conditioning agents, and combinations thereof.
4. The skin care composition of Claim 1 wherein said composition is an emulsion.
5. The skin care composition of Claim 4 wherein the emulsion is selected from the group consisting of water-in-oil emulsions, oil-in-water emulsions, water-in-silicone emulsions, and combinations thereof.
6. A method of regulating the condition of mammalian keratinous tissue, said method comprising the step of topically applying to the skin of a mammal in need of such treatment the composition of Claim 1.
7. A method of thickening the skin and/or preventing, retarding, and/or treating skin atrophy of a mammal, said method comprising the step of topically applying to the skin of a mammal needing such treatment the composition of Claim 1.

8. A method of preventing, retarding, and/or treating the appearance of spider vessels and/or red blotchiness on mammalian skin, said method comprising the step of topically applying to the skin of a mammal needing such treatment the composition of Claim 1.
9. A method of preventing, retarding, and/or treating the appearance of dark, under-eye circles and/or puffy eyes, said method comprising the step of topically applying to the skin of a mammal in need of such treatment the composition of Claim 1.
10. A method of preventing, retarding, and/or treating sallowness of mammalian skin, said method comprising the step of topically applying to the skin of a mammal in need of such treatment the composition of Claim 1.
11. A method of preventing and/or retarding tanning of mammalian skin, said method comprising the step of topically applying to the skin of a mammal in need of such treatment the composition of Claim 1.
12. A method of desquamating, exfoliating, and/or increasing turnover in mammalian skin, said method comprising the step of topically applying to the skin of a mammal in need of such treatment the composition of Claim 1.
13. A method of regulating and/or reducing the size of pores in mammalian skin, said method comprising the step of topically applying to the skin of a mammal in need of such treatment the composition of Claim 1.
14. A method of regulating the oily and/or shiny appearance of mammalian skin, said method comprising the step of topically applying to the skin of a mammal in need of such treatment the composition of Claim 1.
15. A method of preventing, retarding, and/or treating hyperpigmentation, said method comprising the step of topically applying to the skin of a mammal in need of such treatment the composition of Claim 1.
16. A method of preventing, retarding, and/or treating sagging of mammalian skin, said method comprising the step of topically applying to the skin of a mammal needing such treatment the composition of Claim 1.

17. A method of softening and/or smoothing lips, hair and nails of a mammal, said method comprising the step of topically applying to the lips, hair, and nails of a mammal needing such treatment the composition of Claim 1.
18. A method of preventing, retarding, and/or treating itch of mammalian skin, said method comprising the step of topically applying to the skin of a mammal needing such treatments the composition of Claim 1.
19. A method of preventing, retarding, and/or treating the appearance of fine lines and/or wrinkles in mammalian skin, said method comprising the step of topically applying to the skin of a mammal in need of such treatment the composition of Claim 1.
20. A method of preventing, retarding, and/or treating skin dryness in mammalian skin, said method comprising the step of topically applying to the skin of a mammal in need of such treatment, the composition of Claim 1.
21. The skin care composition of claim 1 comprising hexamidine, a sugar amine, and a vitamin B3 compound.
22. The skin care composition of claim 21 wherein said sugar amine is N-acetyl glucosamine and said vitamin B3 compound is niacinamide.